



southern california dx club

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PICNIC 2004



Soap Box— Words from our President



Hello to all
Field Day was great for my other club "C-BAR-C", we again were up 7,000 ft in the cooler part of the world, yet it was in the low 80's. Carl toured some of the Riverside and San Bernardino County FD events, and I played radio with my group.

Next week-end we will probably start digging the hole to plant the tower (pray), I have convinced Carl though that on the mobile rig, we need to put up the KLM 34A, I am getting behind in my country count. I am not sure I know the rules anymore, may need to be mentored again.

Talking about mentoring, I know that I am the ACC for the ORG section, but there are a lot of you in the club who are from the ORG section. There is a new program out started by the ARRL to help with clubs that are losing members to boredom or how to boost club participation. Also, I believe a section on getting the prospective new ham interested in the club. This is a perfect time to start using resources available to you. Go to www.arrl.org/clubs for more information regarding mentoring, etc. or contact Norm at w3iz@arrl.org

It was great seeing Harvey, Herb, Karen, missed June and everyone else at the picnic. What an inspiration to be among some of the greatest people. I love watching everyone talking and sharing ideas, feelings, and laughter. This is what America is all about, this is what we cherish. On July 4, 2004 think of our men and women and companies who are striving to make the world a safer place to live in so that we may continue to have the freedoms we cherish and family and friends to turn to in time of crisis or to just turn to and be with, like at the picnic.

See you at the July meeting - July 8, 2004 - I am sure that Jim has something up his sleeve

73s from your soft hearted Prez
Cathy, K6VC

de da Veep

I hope everyone had a good time at the picnic, Keith, K6LD did an excellent job with the food again this year. Keith puts a lot of effort in to cooking the food every year and it really helps to make the picnic a great success. THANKS Keith! I would also like to thank all the people who jumped in helped out where we needed it. Congratulations to Urban, W6MBP on winning the TS-480HX, I know Urban really wanted it and will put it to good use. It was certainly great to see such a large turnout and it was especially nice to see Herb, KG6OK and Karen show up.



This month's meeting will feature a special guest, Elvin, JA3CZY will be in town and has agreed to share his experiences with amateur radio in Japan. June is also the month for Field Day, I know this is not really a DXer's contest per se but if nothing else it give you a good excuse to head out for the day and spend some time in the park or on a mountain top with some friends. Speaking of Field Day our friends at the Piña Colada Contest Club, several members of which are also members of the SCDXC operated as KP2AA from St. Croix. They also have a web site now at www.sasquatchnet.org/pccc. Their site features a number of pictures from the DX Convention and I hope they will be posting some pictures of this year's Field Day soon.

The summer Bash will be August 8th at the QTH for Wayne, W6IRD so don't forget to mark your calendar.

Details can be found on the web site. Also coming up in September is the annual "Anchors Away" night so start cleaning your garage and shack and get a good load of equipment to bring to the September meeting.

I'm thinking ahead here but I'm looking for people who would be interested in serving on the board. It is not a full time job but it does take some effort on behalf of the members to make this club the great entity it is. If you're willing to help out please let me

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Bubba Sez: -

Hi All.

About the picnic, thanks to all who helped, what a great day! The weather was perfect and those in attendance had more than a good time. Lets talk cookin'. We are so lucky to have Keith, K6LD. He is a superb chef and

spent a lot of time preparing for the BBQ. He made everything go so smooth. Thanks Keith! Congrats to Urban, the lucky winner of the TS480, boy, was he excited. Another happy winner was Janie, K6ZPL, the lucky winner of the Home Depot paint stirrer keyer presented by our own WU6D. Thanks to Jim, N6DHZ for all the work on the nice raffle.

I dropped Bob, N6OX, off at LAX June 10th. He flew nonstop to Moscow. Andy, EU7SA met him and they went to UA3BS home and OX worked his station. Andy applied for the Russian call sign, R3/N6OX and Bob made many contacts while visiting. They also met a Peter 1 member and visited with him.

Then they were off to Mogilev and Andy's apartment. Bob attended Andy Jr's High School graduation and did some more sightseeing. He also worked from the EU7SA station as EW/N6OX and has made over 600 contacts. I will pick Bob up at LAX on the 23rd. I am looking forward to the stories. I am sure there will be a presentation in the near future at a SCDXC meeting.

I will welcome Elvin, JA3CZY, from Osaka June 29th. He will be visiting and taking flying lessons at Long Beach airport. He will be the guest speaker at the July meeting. Hope to see you all there. For now, that's all Bubba has to say, except, good DX!

De Bob, W6ZPL

THE SUN

The current issue of the National Geographic Magazine includes an excellent article on ol'Sol. You will be amazed at the pictures as well as the text.



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da Veep

know either in person or by e-mail
(n6dhz@scdxc.org).

Speaking of support for the club be sure to dust off some of your stories or QSL cards and get them to Harvey for the newsletter. It is a lot of work for Harvey every month to put together the such a high quality newsletter, and he needs your help to keep the standard as high as we are used to.

I wish everyone a happy 4th of July and look forward to seeing everyone at the July meeting.

73 DE Jim, N6DHZ

Next General Meeting

The SCDXC meets the second Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be held July 8, 2004 at Syd Kronenthal Park in Culver City. The park is located 4 blocks west of La Cienega Blvd. and 2 blocks south of Washington Blvd. From the 10 Freeway exit La Cienega south to Washington Blvd. Turn right (west) 4 blocks to McManus Ave (it's La Cienega Ave to the right, McManus to the left). Turn left (south) 2 blocks to the Park. The street dead-ends at the parking lot.

Please do not park in the school lot.

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See ya there!

Propagation July 2004

by Shel, W6EL



These predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are expected to be active during the coming month.

Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are

not listed. A solar flux of 100, corresponding to a sunspot number of 51, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed. Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

Good luck and good DX from Shel, W6EL.

EA8 Canary Islands - 7/3 to 7/10 -
Beam 60 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 7/7) 0617/1956
80: Around 0530.
40: 0330-0600.
20: 0030-0830.

V4 St. Kitts & Nevis - 7/5 to 7/12 -
Beam 94 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 7/9) 0947/2244
80: 0500-0900.
40: 0300-0930.
20: 0030-1200.
15: 1930-0430.

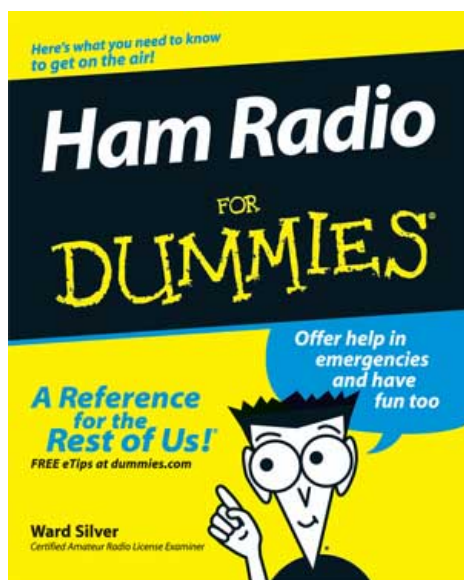
IS Sardinia - 7/5 to 7/15 -
Beam 37 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 7/10) 0411/1847
20: 0100-0630.

HR Honduras - 7/8 to 7/15 -
Beam 116 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 7/12) 1128/0014
80: 0400-1100.
40: 0230-1200.
20: 2200-0800.

5W Western Samoa - 7/7 to 7/21 -
Beam 236 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 7/14) 1755/0511
80: 0700-1230.
40: 0530-1300.
20: 0300-1400.

OH0 Aland Islands - 7/10 to 7/24 -
Beam 20 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 7/17) 0203/1930
20: 0030-0700.

GJ Jersey - 7/22 to 7/26 -
Beam 37 degrees
Sunrise/sunset (on 7/24) 0439/1951
40: 0330-0430.
20: 0030-0800.



FOR DUMMIES

Ward Silver, N0AX, has written a new book, "Ham Radio for Dummies".

Ward wrote the book for new hams as a "Desktop Elmer" and for people interested in becoming hams. Even so, experienced hams will also find new items to pique their interest. There is a sample chapter at

<http://www.dummies.com/WileyCDA/DummiesTitle/productCd-0764559877.html> as well as a substantial "bonus content" package on the technical details of operating and a large list of Web references. All can be downloaded without charge.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Those Great QSLs

(Ed note: Jim, N6DHz, is cataloging the QSL collection left by Art, W6EA. In so doing he is researching the history of some fantastic operations. This is the first of a series.)

Most of you have seen the picture of Art, W6EA standing in his shack next to his "wall" of QSL cards. The cards covered almost the entire wall and contained some very rare and unusual countries. Thanks to Art's wife Virginia and son Brad, KA6TME I have been allowed to borrow the cards. Over the next few months I will start to share some of them here in the newsletter and I will be working on a permanent record of them on the web site. These will not be in any particular order and the ones I have chosen here just happened to be on top of the stack. Art's call at the time of many of these contacts was W6MUB, he also held the call W6QC for a period of time.

The first card is from WK6TZB who was at MCAS Ewa on the island of Oahu. The contact was on March 5, 1946 (14 years and 2 days before I was born) at 1850 HST on 28mc CW. Ewa began life in the early 1930's as a 700 acre Navy dirigible base. In 1939 the base was turned in to a Marine Corp. Air Station, in 1940 the Navy increased the size with the purchase of an additional 3500 acres. On December 7, 1941 the base was hit before Pearl Harbor and all 48 Marine Corp. aircraft were destroyed. Ewa was used throughout W.W.II as a staging base and training facility. Ewa saw service until the Korean War at which time the runways were determined to be too short for the new jet aircraft that were being used by the Marines. The Marines were relocated to MCAS Kaneohe Bay and Ewa was disestablished in 1952. The property was absorbed by NAS Barbers Point and became the Barbers Point NAS Golf Course. NAS Barbers Point was the last NAS in the Hawaiian Islands and was disestablished in 1999.

The golf course still exists today and several of the runways can still be seen in aerial photographs, many of the concrete revetments can still be found although all of it is very overgrown and hard to see. One other thing that is interesting on the card is that it states Oahu T.H. In 1946 Hawaii was still a territory and was admitted as the 50th state on August 21, 1959

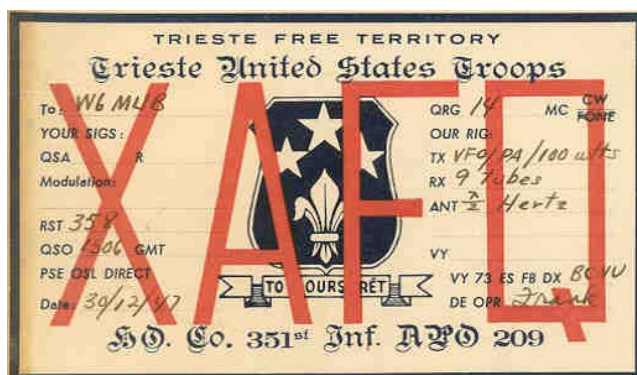
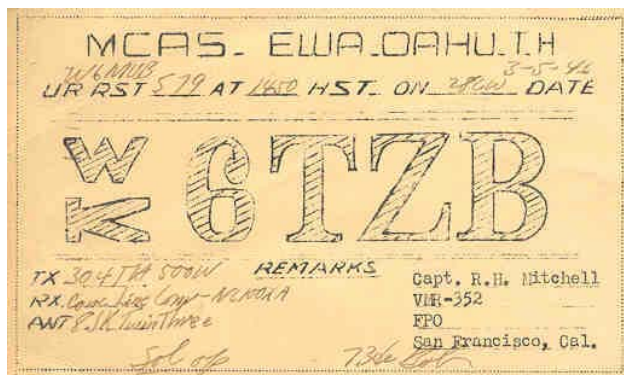
The next card is from XAFQ Trieste Free Territory. The contact was on December 30, 1947 at 1506 GMT on 14mc CW. Trieste was annexed by Italy in 1921 as part of the territory they won in W.W.I. Trieste was then occupied by Germany during W.W.II. Trieste was liberated in 1945 and the Trieste Free Territory was created in 1947. The Trieste Free Territory was divided into Zone A Made up of the north end, which included the city itself and several surrounding villages. Zone A, was administered by an Allied Military Government (AMG). Zone B, in the south was administered by Yugoslavian communists.

Zone A was had two separate Allied forces made up of 5,000 Americans in TRUST (Trieste United States Troops) and 5,000 British in BETFOR (British Element Trieste FORce). The Trieste Free Territory disbanded in 1954, with Zone A being going to Italy and Zone B was incorporated into Yugoslavia.

The "XA" cards were issued by the AMG to various British and US forces. You can see a large collection of these cards and get additional information on them at <http://www.qsl.at/common/xa.html>.

Stay tuned for more in future newsletters.

73 DE Jim, N6DHz





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The summer Bash will be August 8, 2004 at the QTH of Wayne, W6IRD so don't forget to mark your calendar.




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QSLs Delayed

QSL manager K4WLS reports that there will be a delay in his operation due to illness in the family.

NEEDED!

We need your article for the Newsletter. Write us about your most embarrassing situation relating to Ham Radio. Send photos as well.

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